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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

#### **DONATED TURKEYS HELP LOCAL GROUPS PROVIDE HOLIDAY MEALS**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Local churches, schools and nonprofit organizations will feed thousands of residents this Thanksgiving with the help of turkey donations provided by San Bernardino County Supervisors Paul Biane and Josie Gonzales.

The Supervisors, representing the county's Second and Fifth Districts respectively, will distribute 380 turkeys to groups providing healthy holiday meals and/or food baskets to underprivileged families.

"Our residents should not have to do without, especially during the holidays," said Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales. "These organizers are giving selflessly of their time and energy to create special Thanksgiving celebrations for so many families. Helping them help others is the least we can do."

"Thanksgiving isn't Thanksgiving without turkey, so we're making sure our community groups have enough turkeys to feed everyone who comes to them for a nutritious holiday meal this year," Supervisor Biane said.

Within the Fifth District, turkeys will be delivered to Vermont Elementary School in Muscoy, Loveland Church in Rialto, the Inland Empire Section of the National Council of Negro Women, the Kiwanis Club of East Rialto, and the Ecclesia Christian Fellowship and Temple Missionary Baptist churches in San Bernardino. Turkey recipients in the Second District include The Oldtimers Foundation, the Crestline Family Services Agency, and community advocate Dorothy Grant, who will distribute food baskets to needy residents at her Fontana home.

"I thank Supervisor Gonzales for her efforts to get the turkeys for our holiday dinner. I truly commend her for her compassion and commitment to creating a better place to live in San Bernardino for all of our residents," said Pastor Joshua Beckley of Ecclesia Christian Fellowship.

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The churches and organizations in the Fifth District will host holiday dinners and/or distribute baskets on the following dates. Some of these groups are also seeking volunteers to help with preparation, serving and distribution.

- Ecclesia Christian Fellowship Church will host its Thanksgiving Dinner, Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers should arrive at 3:30 p.m. Phone: (909) 881-5551
- Loveland Church will distribute holiday baskets to residents living in Rialto and surrounding areas on Saturday, Nov. 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 21. Phone: (909) 873-2710
- The Temple Community Outreach Center of Temple Missionary Baptist Church will distribute baskets to local residents on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Phone: (909) 383-9588
- Vermont Elementary School will hand out 25 Thanksgiving baskets to local families, Nov. 20-22. Phone: (909) 880-6658
- National Council of Negro Women will give out Thanksgiving dinner baskets to families in Rialto and neighboring communities on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Phone: (909) 874-6000
- Kiwanis Club of East Rialto will distribute 250 holiday baskets to Rialto area families on Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov. 22. They are seeking volunteers to help prepare baskets. Phone: (909) 644-2509

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